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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIRS Management Coordination Group Members

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of CIRS Material and Agenda
for 15 May 1985 Meeting

The following material is attached for your information and retention:

- 1) agenda for 15 May 1985 meeting;
- 2) proposed milestones for CIRS review;
- 3) proposed tasks and assignments of responsibilities;
- 4) action plan for comprehensive CIRS review; and
- 5) updated master list of CIRS requirements.

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AGENDA FOR THE CIRS REVIEW

15 May 1985
0900-1400
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| I. | Opening Remarks and Introduction of Participants | 0900-0905 |
| II. | Overview of Plan of Action for CIRS Review | 0905-0915 |
| III. | Highlights of Analyst Support Study and Current Status of Analysts Need for Retrospective Retrieval Capabilities | 0915-1000 |
| IV. | Summary of CIA RECON Proposal and IHC Recommendations | 1000-1020 |
| V. | Break | 1020-1030 |
| VI. | Overview of CIRS Plan and Current Status of Efforts | 1030-1115 |
| VII. | Summary of CIA DDI Modernization Plan for Automation | 1115-1200 |
| VIII. | Lunch | 1200-1230 |
| IX. | CIA Optical Disk Project; The Need for Mass Storage Capability | 1230-1300 |
| X. | DIA AIRS Project and Dissemination and Processing of Intelligence Material | 1300-1330 |
| XI. | Summary of Tasks to be Accomplished During the CIRS Review | 1330-1400 |

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SUBJECT: Action Plan for Comprehensive CIRS Review

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1. The action plan for the comprehensive CIRS review has been looked at by various interested parties in CIA. There is general agreement that a CIRS review is in order, with a strong feeling that technological capabilities--as are evident in information handling development plans by the primary agencies--are bringing into question the need for CIRS.

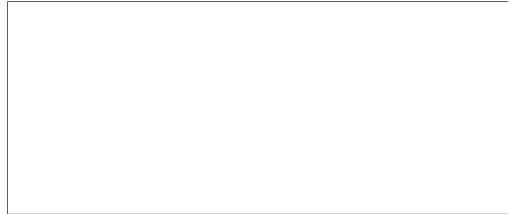
2. There is some concern, however, about the detail of the review, its intent and those participating. For example:

- detail: there appears to be an effort to revisit every aspect of the CIRS plan and stated requirements without first seeing where the answers to the basic questions take us. In other words, the answers to the basic questions may obviate the need to go further in the review.
- intent: the seven points under the purpose of effort in the action plan, and particularly the seventh, suggest that the findings of the review have been predetermined, viz., that there will only be some mid-course corrections. This makes this effort more a reaffirmation than a review.
- participants: having the CIRS Management Coordination Group do the review is not unlike having General Dynamics determine whether their bills to the Defense Department are reasonable. As with SAFE in the past, it would seem that a more disinterested group should be involved in the review, or at least in the analysis of the data.

3. Based on the above concerns, we believe that the most logical approach would be to have the CIRS Management Coordination Group pull together data on what systems the primary agencies have or are developing (you indicate many of the types of data on page 3 of the action plan) and then brief the IHC--so that the IHC can answer the basic question (viz., will these systems, in the main, satisfy the needs of most of the analysts). Once the answer to that question is arrived at, a determination can be made about the next step. This

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approach could save some time, focuses initially on the primary question and is in keeping with the statement of the new Chairman of the IHC, viz. that the IHC should be concerned with broad policy issues and not the details of implementing policy.



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